

# 'Liberty' Sunday Set June 14

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — "The impending ruling by the United States Supreme Court on laws and regulations requiring Bible reading and recitation of the Lord's Prayer in public schools gives increased significance to Religious Liberty Sunday, June 14, according to a statement by two Baptist leaders."

Davis C. Wooley, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Historical Commission, and C. Emanuel Carlson, executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, urged the churches and the pastors to apply Baptist insights to their interpretation of the court's decision.

The Supreme Court cases involve laws in Maryland and Pennsylvania requiring Bible reading exercises at the opening of each school day. A decision is expected no later than June 10.

For the first time a Baptist heritage emphasis (June) and a special religious liberty day (June 16) appear in the denominational calendar. Although a major emphasis will be made in 1964 along these lines in connection with the Baptist Jubilee Year, the two leaders say that significant planning can be done in 1963.

Leaders Make Suggestions  
In their announcement of the

June emphases Wooley and Carlson suggested that pastors might wish to preach on authority in religion and that churches might give special attention to approaching conferences. The Historical Commission workshops at Glorieta (Aug. 8-14) and at Ridgcrest (Aug. 22-28) will study "Baptist Heritage and Religious Liberty."

The annual Religious Liberty Conference of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs will be in Washington, D. C. Oct. 24. The theme will be "Church-State Problems in Mass Communications."

Most of the denominational agencies are cooperating for a major emphasis in 1964 to help in the emphasis on Baptist heritage and religious liberty.

The 1964 effort will be the Baptist Jubilee Advance which will be climaxed with a giant rally at Atlantic City, N. J. May 22-24.

Baptist Jubilee Advance (1959-64) is a six-year emphasis marking 150 years (1814-1964) of nationally organized Baptist life in America.

The theme for the year is "for Liberty and Light." The goal is advance in all the work of Baptists.

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## Ribicoff Asks For Church School Aid

WASHINGTON (BP) — Sen. Abraham Ribicoff (D., Conn.) in a speech before the United States Senate, demanded an end of the religious controversy in education.

He said that the national debate over public funds for parochial schools "has blocked the passage of every proposal for Federal aid to education that the administration has recommended to Congress."

This controversy "imperils the future of our nation," Ribicoff said. It is time we faced it squarely, discussed it calmly, and resolved it constructively.

He then offered a six-fold program of aid to private schools as a basis of solution to the problem. His six proposals are:

1. Income tax deductions for college and private school expenses. He would allow up to \$1,500 per student in college and \$100 per student in a private school.

2. Public financing of shared time. Shared time proposes that private school pupils may receive part of their training in public schools. The Senator proposed a special grant to public schools participating in shared time programs.

3. Assistance for special purposes. This would include aid to private schools to teach math, science, and foreign language, as well as classroom construction.

4. Teacher training programs. Ribicoff would broaden the range of present programs in institutes for teachers and would provide scholarships to teachers for a year of advanced study.

5. Auxiliary services. He included school lunches, health services and bus transportation in this category.

6. Higher education. In this area the Senator said that broadly without constitutional question.

Senator Ribicoff is former secretary of the Department of health, education and welfare for President Kennedy. He resigned to run for the sen-

ate in Connecticut. During his service under President Kennedy he frequently revealed that he did not agree with the President's position of no aid to parochial schools. He pledged to the voters of Connecticut that he would work for some form of aid to private schools if he were elected to the Senate.

In his Senate speech Ribicoff paid tribute to the first amendment that forbids an establishment of religion and which guarantees the free exercise of religion. However, he said, "In the context of financial assistance for private education, the meaning of the first amendment is not clear."

"Sweeping conclusions," he continued, "that there can be no assistance—or that there is no limit to assistance—simply cannot be supported."

Ribicoff hit hard at obstructors of Federal aid to education. He attacked the extremists of both sides of the religious controversy, that is, those who would not allow aid of any kind to parochial schools, and those who insist on direct across-the-board aid to private schools the same as to public schools.

He also attacked the U. S. Treasury Department for op-

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## Elliott Takes Post At Crozer

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (BP) — Ralph H. Elliott, author of "The Message of Genesis" and former member of the faculty at Midwestern Baptist Seminary here, has announced that he has accepted a position on the faculty of Crozer Theological Seminary, Chester, Pa.

Crozer is affiliated with the American Baptist Convention. Elliott will have the title of visiting professor of Old Testament interpretation. He was to leave for Chester, a suburb of Philadelphia, the first week in June.

He has continued to be interim pastor at Calvary Baptist Church here for nearly a year.

Crozer Seminary reported at enrollment about 70 students.

When Midwestern trustees voted 24 to 5 last October to dismiss Elliott for refusing a request not to offer for republication his controversial book on Genesis, they also voted to continue his salary and fringe benefits.

At that time, the Sunday School Board, another Southern Baptist Convention agency, had decided not to reprint the book after a sell-out of the first printing. Later, Bethany Press in St. Louis, publishing arm of

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REV. AND MRS. JOHN D. SMITH (left) and Rev. and Mrs. J. Curtis Brown, Jr., missionary appointees, introduced themselves to the 38 other new missionaries appointed at the May meeting of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board in Richmond, Va. This was the largest group of missionaries appointed by the Board at one time since April, 1947.

## THREE MISSISSIPPIANS NAMED— FMB Appoints 42

RICHMOND, Va.—Three natives of Mississippi—Rev. and Mrs. John D. Smith and Rev. J. Curtis Brown, Jr.—were among the 42 missionaries appointed by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board in its May meeting in Richmond, Va. The Smiths will serve in Indonesia, Mr. Brown and his wife in Costa Rica.

The board held its largest appointment service in 16 years at the meeting when it commissioned 42 men and women for lifetime work overseas. These appointments and the employment of a missionary associate for a three-year term bring the board's total overseas staff to 1,728 (including 18 missionary associates).

Sixteen years ago in April the board appointed 56 missionaries in one service. However, the total appointments for 1947 came to only 76. Already in 1963 the board has appointed 87 missionaries, and this year's total is expected to exceed the record of 144 set in 1959.

"It seems as if there is every reason to expect at least 160 appointments in 1963," Dr. Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary, said in his report to the board.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith grew up at Brookhaven, Miss., though his birthplace is Lucien and hers is Harrisville (she is the former Nellie Brock).

Mr. Smith has been pastor of Jonesboro Baptist Church, Sanford, N. C., since July, 1955. He went to North Carolina several years earlier to study at Southeastern Baptist Seminary, Wake Forest (where he received the bachelor of divinity degree).

Student At MC  
He says he has felt "definitely called to serve God on a foreign field" since the 1965 meeting of the North Carolina Baptist Convention. "I became aware that God's great missionary commission is for me, personally, and that I must offer myself for his service abroad," he says. "My commitment has been renewed several times. It is my constant desire to fulfill God's will wherever it may lead."

Mr. Smith was a student at Mississippi College, Clinton, when he decided to enter the ministry. "I wanted to preach more than anything else in the world," he says. "After talking with a local pastor I took a religious census of a neighborhood in Cleveland, Miss., and started a mission." The mission was soon constituted as Calvary Baptist Church, which he served as pastor for two years.

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## MEXICO BAPTISTS PLAN REVIVALS

The National Baptist Convention of Mexico closed its annual meeting April 28 after adopting a budget of more than \$56,000 (nearly half of it for missions) and approving simultaneous revival campaigns for south Mexico in November, 1964, and north Mexico in March, 1965. In preparation, a national revival campaign will be held in July, 1963.

The Convention also re-elected its president, Rev. Librado Ramos, co-pastor of First Baptist Church, Mexico City. Rev. Roberto Porras continues as executive secretary.

Worked in Harmony  
"The 250 messengers from 101 churches worked in harmony and planned for the future with enthusiasm and good judgment," reports Rev. E. E. Hastey, Southern Baptist missionary who was elected president of the Convention's evangelism board.

Other missionaries named to positions of responsibility are

Miss Viola Campbell, president of the board of religious education; Rev. H. Eldon Sturgeon, president of the stewardship board; Mrs. Orvil W. Reid, national promoter of Woman's Missionary Union; Mrs. A. P. Pierson, national promoter of Young Woman's Auxiliary; and Mrs. Hastey, national promoter of Girls' Auxiliary. Dr. Pat H. Carter and Rev. Van Gladen were made members of other boards.

## Fields Speaks At Press Association

CHICAGO (RNS)—Dr. W. C. Fields, public relations secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention, said here that rapid social changes are altering the course of modern theology.

"We are now accepting rapid change as moral," Dr. Fields told a record number of 171 delegates at the 15th annual convention of the Evangelical Press Association. He said this recognition affects so-called "crisis theology" — "we are seeing things in a slightly different light."

Dr. Fields also declared that European theologians are having "a profound influence" — even upon American clergymen who disagree with them. He held there is more interest in "biblical theology," stressing that European theologians "have caused us to rethink our position. There is a new interest in the Bible as to what it says and what it means."

Recent controversies within the Southern Baptist Convention resulted from this trend, he said, adding that another indication of "new emphasis on the Bible" is found in the Roman Catholic Church.

Other factors affecting today's churches, the Southern Baptist executive said, were the shifting population, a trend toward more secularism, and the entrance of many new men into areas of ministry.

## 3rd Gulfshore Bible Conference Planned

The third annual Gulfshore Bible Conference will be held Aug. 26-30 at Gulfshore Assembly at Pass Christian, it has been announced by Dr. Chester L. Quarles, executive secretary, sponsor.

Dr. H. H. Hobbs, pastor of First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, and immediate past president of the Southern Baptist Convention, will be the conference preacher.

The Old Testament teacher will be Dr. J. Wash Watts, professor of Old Testament and Hebrew, New Orleans Seminary.

A conference for preachers will be led by Rev. L. Gordon Sansing, associate executive secretary, with a conference for preachers' wives to be led by Mrs. Hobbs.

A conference for laymen will be conducted by Owen Cooper, Yazoo City, while a conference for laymen's wives will be led by Mrs. Watts.

Age-Group Conferences  
Leading New Testament studies will be Dr. Joe T. Odle, editor of the Baptist Record; Dr. Leroy Green, pastor of First Church, Prentiss; Dr. G. Norman Price, pastor, Parkway Church, Jackson, and Rev. Chester A. Molpus, pastor of First Church, Belzoni.

Age-group Bible studies for intermediates and Juniors will also be conducted. Each evening the regular program one of the newest Broadman films will be shown.

During the afternoons a feature will be a book tea, to be conducted by Mrs. O. M. Jones, manager of the Baptist Book Store in Jackson. In this



Dr. H. H. Hobbs

event the newest books will be reviewed in a novel way.

Those planning to attend are urged to contact A. L. Nelson, Director of Mississippi Baptist Assemblies, Pass Christian, Miss. Tel. GL2-4601.

## AMERICAN BAPTISTS ELECT STASSEN

DETROIT (BP)—Harold E. Stassen of Philadelphia, former assistant to President Eisenhower and ex-governor of Minnesota, has been elected president of the American Baptist Convention.

Now practicing law, Stassen is a life-long Baptist and currently is a member of the American Convention's policy-making general council.

Stassen has served as deacon in the Second Baptist Church, Germantown, Pa., and in Chevy Chase Baptist Church, Washington, D. C.

One of those congratulating Stassen on his election was K. Owen White, newly elected president of the Southern Baptist Convention. White appeared as fraternal delegate to the American Convention session here and spoke briefly.

White speaks  
White told the delegates he was licensed to preach by an American Baptist Convention church in California. He said, "Baptists are

people of the book, and God has blessed our ministry."

The Houston minister described the new life movement in Japan in which he and other Southern Baptist preachers took part this spring. He told the American Convention delegates, "We look forward to our joint meeting (next May) in Atlantic City. Pray for us and we shall remember you in our prayers."

## Frank Burkhalter, SBC Leader, Dies

WACO, Tex. (BP) — The former publicity director for the Southern Baptist Convention during the 1930's, Frank E. Burkhalter, died in a Waco hospital at the age of 83.

Burkhalter was chairman of the Baylor University Journalism Department. He retired in 1947. From 1919 to 1930 he directed general publicity for the Southern Baptist Convention.

## MC Old Chapel Restoration Is Now Completed

For the first time since 1948, Mississippi College students on a recent Monday attended regular chapel services in the recently renovated Old Chapel.

The services marked the beginning of a new era for the century-old structure and gave this year's student body a chance to worship in the building where many of their parents and grandparents had worshipped decades before.

Dr. R. A. McLeMore was the featured speaker for the occasion, basing his remarks around the topic "Where Do We Go From Here?" Others on the program were Dr. Howell E. Spell, dean of the college; Dr. Russell M. McIntire, pastor of the Clinton Baptist Church; Danny Champion, Water Valley, winner of the award for the oral interpretation of the scriptures; and the Chapel Trio.

Contracted For In 1959  
The historic chapel was contracted for in 1959 at a total cost of \$21,000, and was occupied in October, 1960. Restoration was begun in December, 1961, under the sponsorship of the Alumni Association. Total cost for the restoration and furnishings was \$40,000, raised by alumni contributions, with some gifts coming as far away as Spain and Hong Kong.

The restoration project was completed this past week with the installation of new pews in the sanctuary. The pews will seat 357 people on the main floor of the Chapel, with the balcony accommodating an additional 200 people with new

## DR. K. OWEN WHITE — Presenting The President

(The Western Recorder, Kentucky)  
The new Southern Baptist Convention president might be regarded theologically as a fundamentalist with a small "f," or a conservative with a capital "C."

In a news conference only hours after election as leader of Southern Baptists, Dr. K. Owen White expressed forthrightly and clearly his convictions in answer to specific questions on the theological controversy now going on among Southern Baptists.

He admitted he had accepted the brand of fundamentalism with a small "f" when elected last year as president of the Baptist General Convention of Texas but said he preferred to be regarded as a conservative.

He also said he regarded his choice in Texas as a mandate to stem the tide of theological liberalism, but that he did not

ern Baptist Convention president as such a mandate.

White is an unashamed theological conservative who has great concern for the rise of

what he regards as liberalism in the Southern Baptist Convention. He says this liberalism has been on the increase for the last 15 years or so.

He defines it as "an attitude which may cast doubt on the reliability, dependability and authority of God" and fears it causes a person to lose his strength of conviction and evangelistic fire.

A transparent honesty and sincerity were evident in the new president's answers to all questions. Dr. White, 54, was born in Kentucky and grew up in a Baptist home. He has a bachelor's degree from the University of Kentucky and a master's degree from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He has been a member of the Southern Baptist Convention since 1930. He is currently a member of the First Baptist Church in Louisville, Ky.



## Gulfshore Takes On A New Look

Those arriving at Gulfshore Baptist Assembly this summer will easily find their way around the buildings and grounds.

Approaching the Gulf Hotel there is a sign outside that points to the location of the registration office. The sign is made of plastic, neatly lettered.

The breezeway is full of informative signs in black with white lettering. These direct one to the registration windows, assembly manager, program director and give the numbers of rooms located in each wing.

Going down the hall in the Gulf Hotel, room signs in white lettering on green are easy to read as are signs indicating showers, rest rooms, lounges, crafts, telephones and counselors.

Walking out towards the pier one immediately sees that something has been added to the large pier. A closer look reveals that banisters have been constructed to protect one from a tumble into the water and also to lean on as one contemplates the ever-moving waters, or tries his hand with hook and line.

**Drinking Fountain Added**  
A drinking fountain and drink machines under their own shelter have been added near the auditorium and the air-conditioned snack-gift shop actually will have a place in which to sit and sip coffee, lemonade and other soft drinks.

## Presenting The --

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White's election was regarded by many as a significant victory for the critics of some seminary teaching. This is natural since White served as spokesman for the critics at San Francisco in 1962. Before this time, however, he was not regarded as any great champion of orthodoxy, though he has been long known as a warm evangelistic preacher with conservative theology.

In theological training White has substantially the same background as some of those he fears as liberals. He holds a B. A. degree from the University of Louisville, a Th. M. and Ph. D. from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. In his seminary days he heard as theory what Professor Ralph Elliott has accepted as fact about the Old Testament and especially Genesis. He says he considers the historical-critical approach to the study of the scriptures as valid but disagrees with the conclusions reached by Professor Elliott.

White believes there is room in the Southern Baptist Convention for all who believe in Jesus Christ and want to work together. He does not believe that those who hold what he regards as liberal views should teach in our Baptist seminaries.

When asked about other areas of Southern Baptist life in which he would work as Convention president, White began to talk enthusiastically about the Japan New Life Movement from which he has just returned. He believes Southern Baptists might well be used by God for such mass evangelism in other areas of the world.

The 60-year-old fiery Convention president has been the pastor of the First Baptist Church in Houston since 1953. Before this he served pastorates at Central Baptist, Gainesville, Georgia; Kirkwood Baptist, Atlanta, Georgia; Metropolitan Baptist, Washington, D. C.; and First Baptist, Little Rock, Arkansas.

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or to nibble on ice cream or other foods of your choice between meals.

These and many other things have been done as a part of the continuous effort to make one's stay at the assembly even more delightful than before.

## FMB Appoints --

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Mrs. Smith studied at several colleges in Mississippi and North Carolina. She and her husband have a daughter, Abigail, eight and a half.

(Rev. Curtis J. Brown, Jr., who was born in Oxyka, Miss., is now pastor of Lewiston Baptist Church, Kentwood, La., division manager for New Orleans dairy, and assistant chaplain at Charity Hospital, New Orleans. He and his family live in New Orleans, where he graduated from New Orleans Seminary earlier this year (he is also a graduate of Louisiana College, Pineville). Mrs. Brown was the former Myrtis Brown was the former Myrtis Rogers, native of Franklinton, La.

Mr. Brown served in the U. S. Air Force for four years. While stationed at Keesler Air Force Base in Mississippi he and Mrs. Brown were members of First Baptist Church, Gulfport. The Gulfport church ordained him August 21, 1955, at the request of Fairfield Church, Colfax, La., his first pastorate.

**Resisted Mission Idea**

Though Mr. Brown and his wife began considering foreign mission service years ago—he at age 14, she at 12—both went through a period when they tried, successfully, to forget their impressions about missions. Soon after entering New Orleans Seminary she became convinced they should serve overseas, but he continued to resist the idea.

"I had determined to prepare for work with a large church," he says. "Myrtis tried to get me to talk with a missions professor and a furloughing missionary. I didn't want to get near either of them—I thought they were overly 'sold' on missions. Myrtis had our friends praying for me for a year.

"Finally I attended a missions emphasis service on the campus, in February, 1962. There I realized I must step out and volunteer to become a missionary."

Mrs. Brown says: "At that service Curtis said to me, 'I know this is what we should do. Are you ready?' We made our decision public. From that time we have had a new peace and joy. We are satisfied that this is truly God's plan for our lives."

Mr. and Mrs. Brown have five children, Keith Dale, nine, Tab Blane, seven, Brett Lane, five, Tim Ladd, nearly four, and Pamela Gail, four months.

## The Commission Wins EPA Award

CHICAGO (RNS) —

The Commission, monthly organ of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, was named "Periodical of the Year" by the Evangelical Press Association at its annual convention here.

The publication was honored for "all-around excellence" in design, editorial content, and achievement of purpose.

Floyd H. North is editor of Commission, which also won the top award in the missionary magazine category of the annual competition sponsored by EPA.

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## Benton-Tippah Youth Group Organized

The newly organized Benton-Tippah Baptist Young People's Fellowship will meet at the First Church of Ripley, June 8, at 7:30 p.m.

Rev. Don Johnson will be the guest speaker. He has just returned from the Orient where he has been participating in the New Life Movement. He has a radio program which is heard in most states and in Puerto Rico. Also with him will be Betty and Ed Stalneck and David Tyson at the organ.

This program is designed for young people, but adults are welcome and are urged to attend. After June 8 the Youth Fellowship will meet monthly at the First Church with a different program each time. The regular time will be the first Saturday of every month.



Dr. Henry Dee Smith, Jr.

## Receives TH.D. At New Orleans

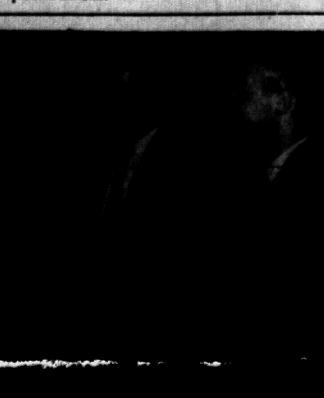
Henry Dee Smith, Jr., of Schlatter, recently received his Doctor of Theology (Th. D.) degree from New Orleans Seminary during Spring Commencement exercises.

A graduate with special distinction from Mississippi College, he also holds the Bachelor of Divinity degree from New Orleans.

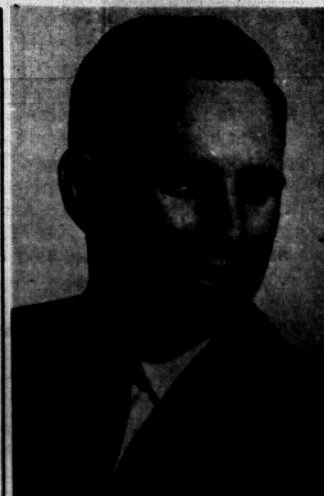
Dr. Smith was licensed and ordained to the ministry by the Schlatter Church, and he is presently pastor of Trinity Church, New Orleans.

His former pastorates include the Florida Avenue Mission, New Orleans; the Dodsdsville Church and the Blaine Church, both of Dodsdsville, Miss.

He is married to the former Ruth Gore, and they have five children.



DR. CHARLES BARNES, Director of Baptist Student Union at University of Alabama, was the speaker for the Installation Service for the Baptist Student Union Executive Councils at Mississippi State University. Shown in picture above are (left to right) Frank Horton, BSU Director at Miss. State; David Boothie, Chunks, president-elect of Married BSU Council; Dr. Charles Barnes; Bobby Shows, Brookhaven, president-elect of Single BSU Council.



Rev. Emory B. Green

## Accepts Bay St. Louis Pastorate

Rev. Emory Baxter Green, pastor of the Moak's Creek Church in Pike County since 1960, has accepted the pastorate of the First Church in Bay St. Louis.

He is a native of Dothan, Ala. He received the Bachelor of Arts degree from Baylor University in 1956 and the Bachelor of Divinity from Southern Seminary in 1959. Before coming to Mississippi, he had served as assistant pastor of the First Church in Panama City, Florida.

During his pastorate at Moak's Creek the church made advancements in all areas of its educational ministry and all building notes were paid to leave the church debt free. Mr. Green also served the Lincoln County Association as Sunday School Superintendent; a member of the Brotherhood, nominating, and Seminary Holding Board committees; and president of the Pastor's Conference. As the Greens left Moak's Creek, they were presented with numerous gifts and a farewell fellowship.

Rev. Green preached his first sermon as pastor of the First Baptist Church in Bay St. Louis on May 5th. Following the evening service the membership greeted the pastor's family with a reception and a generous pantry shower.

## Ribicoff Asks --

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posing tax deduction plans for aid to education, the education associations for insisting on doing it their way or not at all, and even the Office of Education in the Department of Health, Education and Welfare for its role in obstructing aid to private schools.

The Connecticut Senator argued that federal aid to private schools is already an accomplished fact in the nation. He pointed to the National Defense Education Act, the college housing program, and various research grant programs and various research grant programs to prove his point.

He asserted that the real point at issue before the nation in further aid to parochial schools "is what form it should take, and in what amount, and for what purposes."

Ribicoff challenged, "Are the adults of America mature enough to resolve their differences for the benefit of their children?" He called for careful thought and constructive talk as the nation seeks new approaches to the religious issue in education.

The average American family had an income of \$7,140 last year, compared with \$6,950 in 1961.

## Church Not Southern Baptist

The Skyway Hills Baptist Mission on Highway 80, East of Jackson, is not a Southern Baptist Mission, and is not affiliated with either the Rankin County Baptist Association, the Mississippi Baptist Convention or the Southern Baptist Convention, according to announcement this week by Rev. Robert H. Foy, pastor of Pelahatchie Baptist Church, and moderator of the Rankin County Baptist Association.

The announcement was made in answer to inquiries as to whether the mission is affiliated with Southern Baptists.

## 2,000 Youth Head For Glorieta

NASHVILLE — More than 2,000 youth have made reservations for the annual Training Union youth conference at Glorieta (N.M.) Baptist Assembly June 6-12.

Dr. W. O. Vaught, Jr., pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church, Little Rock, will be the main speaker. His topics are: "Your most powerful weapon," "Why communism will fail," "Life's highest task," "Let's go on a spiritual crusade," "Walking with Jesus," "Maximum Christian Living," and "Have you found the will of God?"

"For the first time there will be evening conferences on love, courtship and marriage and on vocational guidance. They are planned for youth and their leaders," said Carlton Carter, director of young people's work in the Sunday School Board's Training Union Department.

## Missionary Loses Father

J. M. Kirkpatrick, father of Miss Mary Frank Kirkpatrick, Southern Baptist missionary to Nigeria, died May 18 in Noxapater. Miss Kirkpatrick, now on furlough, may be addressed at Noxapater, her home town.

## Jerry Stovall To Give Testimony

NASHVILLE—Jerry Stovall, 1962 All-American halfback at Louisiana State University, will give his testimony as a Christian athlete at the student conference at Ridgecrest (N.C.) Baptist Assembly June 6-12. The Baptist Sunday School Board's student department is conference sponsor.

More than 2,000 American and international college students and graduates, high school seniors, and adult leaders of youth are expected to attend this annual nation-wide meeting. Theme of this year's conference is "The contemporary Christian's mission."

Stovall is now a dental student in St. Louis and is with the St. Louis Cardinals professional football team. He maintained a "B" average at LSU, where he was known as "The professor."

In addition to giving his testimony at a general assembly, Stovall will lead two specialized group discussions on "The Christian athlete" and "The contemporary Christian in the pink."

Space is still available for this conference. For reservations, write: Willard K. Weeks, manager, Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly, Ridgecrest, N.C.

## PASTORS' CONFERENCE SLATED FOR N.O. SEMINARY, JUNE 17-21

NEW ORLEANS — The last call for the second annual Pastors' Conference at New Orleans Seminary June 17-21 has been sounded by Professor Thomas J. Delaughter, general chairman.

"Persons wishing to pre-register for the conference should send in the \$5 registration fee," Dr. Delaughter stated.

A special emphasis of this second conference will be sessions for pastors' wives, the chairman emphasized. Mrs. Wilfred Tyler, Blue Mountain College, will lead this section.

The Monday through Thursday evenings and Tuesday through Friday mornings format has been retained for the second conference. On campus registration is scheduled for Monday afternoon in the foyer of the seminary's religious education building.

Housing will be available on campus at \$2 per person per day with some facilities for couples. Those planning to stay on campus should bring pillow, pillow case and light blanket. Dr. Delaughter said. Motel accommodations are also within walking distance of the seminary.

Seminary professors will be joined with pastors, denominational workers and laymen on the conference faculty. Main inspirational speaker is Lewis Rhodes of Knoxville's Broadway Baptist Church.

**Professors To Appear**  
New Orleans professors who will lead discussions include J. Hardee Kennedy and Frank Staggs. Seminary President H. Leo Eddleman will be in charge of a devotional period and Dean Claude Rhea of the church music school will arrange for conference music.

Other pastors and denominational workers on the program include Carl Campbell, secretary of Baptist Foundation of Alabama; J. Paul Orscoli, pastor of New Orleans' Mid City Baptist Church; W. C. Fields, public relations secretary of the Southern Baptist Executive Committee; Ralph Herri, director of Seminary Extension; Scott L. Tatum, pastor of Shreveport's Broadmoor Baptist Church; and Wilfred C. Tyler, President of Blue Mountain College.

A Morgan Brian of New Orleans and Owen Cooper of Yazoo City, Miss., will bring the laymen's viewpoint to the New Orleans conference.

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## Elliott Takes --

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the Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ) bought paperback rights and released it.

Since his dismissal, Elliott has continued to live in Kansas City. He has conducted revival services at Southern Baptist churches in several states in addition to his interim pulpit supply work at Calvary Church here.

## Parkhill Plans 7th Anniversary Celebration

Parkhill Church, Jackson, will observe their seventh anniversary June 2. That Sunday will be the last day of services to be led by Rev. Jim Shanahan, pastor, who has resigned to re-enter New Orleans Seminary. Homecoming will be observed, with dinner served at the church.

Parkhill church was organized under a tent at 4905 McRaven Road but moved to the new brick building and location at 4932 McRaven Road in July, 1961. This move was necessitated by the right-of-way of Interstate Highway 20. The first building was entered in November 1956 and served until 1959 when an educational unit was added. Since its organization, Parkhill has grown from 13 in Sunday School to its present membership in excess of 300, with more than 400 additions, one-third of whom were added by baptism. From the tent beginnings, the church valuation has grown to \$125,000 with a brick structure accommodating 350 people.

Rev. Shanahan has been the only pastor of Parkhill, having previously served churches at Lone Pine, Madison County, and Hickory Ridge, Rankin County. He also taught school at Pearl and Oak Forest schools during his first two years of the Parkhill pastorate. Mr. Shanahan is a graduate of Clarke and Mississippi Colleges.

Mrs. Shanahan is the former Betty Jean Eaton of Tucson, Arizona, and an honor graduate of the University of Arizona. She has employment with the New Orleans school system. She and Mr. Shanahan have two children.

The Shanahans' new address will be 4435-B Seminary Place, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, Louisiana.

## Revival Dates

Fearhaven, Brookhaven: June 2-9; Rev. Ralph E. Brady, pastor, preacher for a "Revival for Survival," to climax in a church-wide "day of rededication" June 9; Howard "Pop" Stone, Gulfport, music leader.

New Salem (Franklin): June 2-9; Rev. W. P. Lee, pastor, Evangeline Church, Wildsville, La., evangelist; Rev. J. W. Lee, pastor, Morgantown Church, Natchez, song leader; Ann Dickey, pianist; Rev. Willey Reid, pastor.

First, D'Iberville: June 2-9; Rev. C. R. Williams, pastor, Central, Hattiesburg, evangelist; Rev. and Mrs. Connie Massey, music; Rev. E. J. Harvey, pastor. Night services during the week. Rev. Williams will speak on radio and T. V. mornings, Monday through Friday.

Good Hill Church (Jones): May 31-June 2; youth revival. Rev. Joe Hodge, Mobile, Ala., evangelist; Buddy Parker, song leader. Services each night at 7:30.

Georgetown Church, June 2-9; Rev. J. W. Lee, pastor, son, evangelist; Tanner Riley, Highland Church, Meridian, singer; Frank W. Gunn, Sr., pastor.

Anding Church (Yancey): June 9-14; services at night only; Rev. Harold Bryson, pastor, Good Hope (Perry), evangelist and Rev. Paul Ballard, pastor and song leader.



TOMMY SINCLAIR, student at New Orleans Seminary, began work as Summer Youth Director at First Church, Amory, on May 27. A native of Columbia, Mr. Sinclair has completed two years work toward the B. D. degree at New Orleans Seminary. A graduate of Mississippi College, he was ordained to the gospel ministry in 1960. Rev. Dan Morton is pastor of the Amory church.



Miss Margaret Ann Eakin

## BMC Announces Student Director

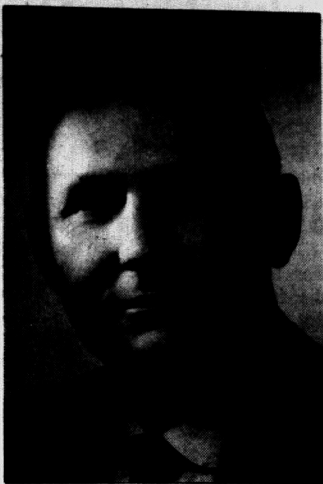
Dr. Wilfred C. Tyler, president of Blue Mountain College, has announced that Miss Margaret Ann Eakin, Murfreesboro, Tenn., will become student director at the college in July.

Miss Eakin received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Middle Tennessee State College, and will receive her Master of Religious Education degree from Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, Ky., on May 31.

Miss Eakin formerly taught French and English in the Smyrna, Tennessee, High School.

Currently, Miss Eakin is serving as Youth Director of Haslewood Baptist Church, Louisville, Ky. Miss Eakin succeeds Miss Rita Duke, now serving as a missionary to Taipei, Taiwan.—From Blue Mountain College, 1963, by Alice McCordie, S.C.N.





Rev. Paul Cranford

## Accepts Byram Memorial Post

Chaplain Paul H. Cranford, now being retired from active duty with the Armed Forces in Fort Rucker, Alabama, has accepted a call to the Byram Memorial Baptist Church of Jackson, effective June 1.

Mr. Cranford is a native-Mississippian and is the youngest son of the late Rev. J. E. Cranford. He is a graduate of Mississippi College where he received the Bachelor of Arts Degree, and a graduate of the New Orleans Seminary, where he received the Bachelor of Divinity Degree.

He also had training at Southwestern Seminary of Fort Worth, Texas and is a graduate of the Chaplains School, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.

Mr. Cranford served as Chaplain in World War II. During the years he was not on active duty with the Armed Forces, he was pastor of First Church, Eupora, and the Jackson Hills Church of Atlanta, Georgia.

He was also pastor of The Temple Church, Hattiesburg, and led this church in a vast building program, leaving just before the program was completed.

He is married to the former Dollie Mae Jeffcoat, a native of Arkansas. Rev. and Mrs. Cranford have three children: Paul, Jr., Dwight and Patricia. They will reside in the Byram community.

The first of seven camps for the deaf, sponsored by the Assemblies of God Home Missions Department, opens May 29, June 2, near Kansas City, Missouri.

## Sunday Reports

Sunday School Attendance  
Training Union Attendance  
Additions To The Church

MAY 26, 1963	
Aberdeen, First	234 119
Amory, 1st	258 238
Main	484 188
Mission	74 48
Belden	188 86
Bellevue (Lamar)	137 108
Belthel (Coplak)	112 101
Biloxi, Bay Vista	253 128
Biloxi, Emmanuel	260 79
Brandon, 1st	45 197
Brookhaven, 1st	879 301
Main	792 259
Halbert Heights	87 43
Bruce	303 98
Bruce Mission	49 41
Byram Memorial	115 41
Calhoun City, 1st	31 132
Cartersville (Leb.)	137 85
Carthage, First	206 76
Cleveland	190 109
Immanuel	263 97
Morrison Chapel	150 89
Calvary	231 128
Columbus, 1st	744 216
Main	719 25
Mission	153 78
Crowder	540 181
Crystal Springs, 1st	540 181
Fellowship (Choctaw)	114 137
Fellowship (Pike)	97 54
Fulton, 1st	301 116
Grenada, Emmanuel	114 137
Greenville, 1st	959 295
Main	111 33
Greenfield	155 73
Chalmers, Emmanuel	461 147
Greenwood, Calvary	162 90
Gulfport	290 73
Grace Memorial	30 19
Northward Chapel	247 74
Guilford	411 153
Guilford Gardens	203 69
Hattiesburg	146 65
Glendale	606 220
University	541 198
First	1862 388
Temple	940 305
Main	34 27
North Main	35 26
Waynes	263 131
38th Avenue	104 47
Hillboro	376 192
Houston, 1st	43 41
Main	258 137
Wayway Chapel	486 189
Jackson	734 215
McLaurin Heights	290 185
Lakeview Mission	340 148
Woodland Hills	1803 350
Crestwood	273 117
Robinson St.	145 68
First	421 143
Brickwood Drive	328 232
Woodville Heights	187 97
Midway	921 316
West Jackson	931 316
Emmanuel	385 154
Daniel Memorial	124 90
Alta Woods	1568 535
Highland	58 43
Raymond Road	361 146
Calvary	185 98
Main	961 451
Mission	1342 354
Southside	594 240
McDowell Road	530 145
Parkway	504 153
Brookmoor	16 15
Hillcrest	184 73
Kosciusko, First	485 174
Main	190 137
Kosciusko, Parkway	345 129
Laurel	480 148
Highland	586 166
Plainway	480 200
West Laurel	435 99
Second Avenue	274 104
First	254 65
Magnolia St.	29 43
Long Beach, 1st	
Main	
Mission	
Liberty	
Ludlow	
LYNN	
Roundway Mission	
McComb	
Navilla	

Meridian:	
Hickory Grove Chapel	119 43
Highland	728 223
Westwood	195 74
Midway	248 181
Calvary	490 179
Main	429 139
Swell Survey Mission	25 16
Pine Springs Mission	84 39
Oakland Heights	261 125
State Boulevard	188 74
South Side	287 164
Arkadelphia	115 47
Poplar Springs Drive	164 152
Fifteenth Avenue	574 254
Eight Avenue	218 101
Morton, 1st	258 91
Oliver Branch	251 158
Natchez, Parkway	255 161
New Albany, 1st	285 247
Oliver Branch	160 78
Pascagoula:	
Eastlawn	429 179
Mission	418 72
Mission	19 19
Pascagoula, 1st	109 1
Martin's Bluff Mission	32 47
Pearson (Rankin)	123 65
Pearl	377 136
Petal-Harvey	389 141
Mission	100 28
Mission	547 132
Picayune, 1st	523 91
Main	82 47
Pocahontas	245 80
Quitman, 1st	145 65
Randolph	211 85
Ripley, 1st	272 94
Ruth	78 39
Sand Hill (Jones)	64 42
Spring Creek (Neeshoba)	64 42
Star	175 117
Starkville, 1st	943 340
Starkville, Emmanuel	357 144
Stonewall, First	187 79
Tupelo:	
First	411 141
Harrisburg	254 221
East Heights	293 169
West Jackson St.	133 75
Turkey, 1st	145 65
Union, 1st	316 122
Mission	83 60
Union (Pearl R.)	245 80
Water Valley, Second	83 60
West End (Wins.)	54 17
West Point, 1st	545 181
Wheeler Grove (Alcorn)	73 65
MAY 19, 1963	
Aberdeen, 1st	400 104
Amory, 1st	574 205
Mission	463 159
Corinth, 1st	462 133
Liberty	218 84
Oliver Branch	218 84
Pascagoula, Eastlawn	399 230
Mission	485 142
Tupelo, First	721 194
Tupelo, Harrisburg	220 154
Union (Pearl R.)	330 86
Mission	88 42
Water Valley, Second	109 89
Wheeler Grove (Alcorn)	116 74

## Graham L.A. Meet Set For Aug. 15

LOS ANGELES, Calif.—(CN B)—The Billy Graham Southern California Crusade will open in the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum Thursday, August 15, instead of August 16 as previously announced. The Crusade Executive Committee made the change in order to hold two evening services before relinquishing the Coliseum for a Saturday night football game.

There will be no Saturday meetings during the Crusade. Services will start at 7:30 P.M. on week - nights and at 3:00 P.M. on Sundays. There will be no Sunday evening services. There will be two "Youth Nights" each week on Mondays and Thursdays. The Crusade will continue through September 8.

## THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON— The Law Of The Lord

By Clifford J. Allen  
Psalms 19:7-14; 119:33-49, 105-119

The Bible is meant to be a guidebook for mankind. It sets forth the divine law which God meant to declare the standard for man's actions. This truth is a beautiful and meaningful spiritual satisfaction. We should have a genuine desire that God will supply motivation and strength to do what is right. God's held is needed to turn away from covetousness and to resist the temptation to look upon worthless or false or wicked things. One needs God's inner quickening of spirit to hunger for righteousness. It is of utmost importance that we learn our full dependence upon the Holy Spirit to create in us aspiration for truth and goodness and zeal for the will and ways of God.

VOWS OF OBEDIENCE (vv. 105-108)  
God's word or commandment is a lamp or a light. It gives us direction. But the light of God's truth points out the way of wickedness, warns us against its destruction, and describes the inevitable consequences of guilt and shame and misery from disobedience to the law of the Lord. The light also points out the way of man's duty in terms of integrity, purity, unselfishness, helpfulness, courage, and humility. The psalmist declared his vow to follow the way of God. He seemed almost to boast. But no one should hesitate to swear obedience to the commandments of the Lord, so long as he understands the difficulty involved, the opposition to be faced, and the need for God's help in keeping his vows of obedience and devotion.

HELP IN TEMPTATION (vv. 109-112)  
The psalmist was not unaware of his danger. In saying that his soul was continually in his hand, he was saying that his life was in danger because of spiritual enemies opposing him. He made the testimonies of God his heritage and the ways of God the purpose and joy of his heart. His desire was to follow the will of the Lord steadfastly to the end.

AND STRENGTH (vv. 36-40)  
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Truths to Live By

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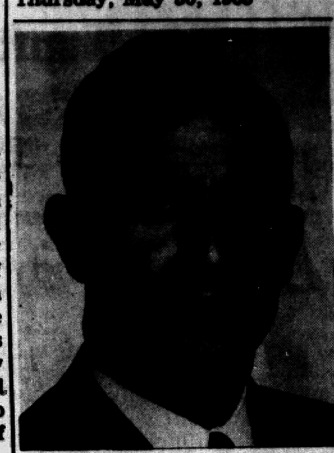
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Rev. Bartis Harper

## Baccalaureate Preacher at USM

Rev. Bartis Harper of Columbia, 1962 graduate of the University of Southern Mississippi and its current Alumni Association president, will be the fourth former student to return to deliver a Baccalaureate sermon.

Baccalaureate services will be held at 11 a.m. Sunday, June 2, in the main auditorium. Graduation exercises will be held at 5:45 p.m. on the same date, in the football stadium.

A list of 799 prospective candidates for degrees was announced last week. The class will include five doctoral degree recipients.

Rev. Harper, pastor of East Columbia Baptist Church, received a Bachelor of Divinity degree from Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas.

## Hardin-Simmons to Confer Degree

ABILENE, Tex. (BP)—Hardin-Simmons University here voted to confer the honorary doctor of laws degree on its executive vice-president, George L. Graham, during 1963 commencement exercises.

The Alameramic Corporation, Oceanide, Long Island, has developed an exterior coating for houses that is said to last for ten years on wood, asbestos, stucco, masonry, and aluminum surfaces. Flexaglaze dries in thirty minutes and cures in seventy-two hours. It insulates, waterproofs, and is fire-resistant, salt-resistant, and blister-proof.

## Two Rural Church Conferences

ROOSEVELT STATE PARK - Near Morton  
June 3-5

TOMBIGBEE STATE PARK - Near Tupelo  
June 6-8

— NEXT WEEK —



### COST

\$4.00 for 4 noon and evening meals  
Breakfast free  
Cabins free (for 125 at Tupelo and 50 at Morton)  
Camping free  
Boating, fishing, and swimming free

### TIME

Program—9:00-12:15  
Lunch—12:30-1:30  
Program—1:50-4:00  
Boating, Fishing, and Swimming—4:00-6:00  
Supper—6:00-7:00  
Program—7:00-9:30  
Boating, Fishing, and Swimming—Dawn-8:00  
Breakfast—8:00-9:00

### WHAT TO BRING

Bible  
Fishing Tackle  
Linens and Blankets  
Soap  
Sport shirts in order

### PASTORS

### DEACONS

### LAYMEN

### INVITED

NOT PICTURED:  
Barbara Clark  
W. L. Day  
H. Luther Day  
David L. Leland  
Norman Green  
Bill Rook  
John Scott  
A. B. Smith



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## The Body of Christ

At the Kansas City Convention the Southern Baptist Convention adopted a new Statement of Faith which included a paragraph concerning the church which is not found in previously adopted statements. It read, "The New Testament speaks also of the church as the body of Christ which includes all of the redeemed of all the ages." There was some objection and debate concerning this statement, although it was left in the adopted Statement.

The question has been raised as to why there was objection to this paragraph. Does not the New Testament speak of the church as the "body of Christ"? Yes, the New Testament does speak of the church as the "body of Christ". It does not, however, define that statement, and the words "includes all of the saved of all the ages" are not found in the Bible. This is the interpretation of men, and while it may be inferred in the New Testament it is not actually so stated.

### Definition

The problem is one of definition. What does the statement we have adopted mean? Baptists are not agreed on that. It has been said that the reason the 1925 committee on Statement of Faith did not include this statement was because of their recognition of the diversity of opinion concerning it among Southern Baptists.

There are probably three major definitions of the meaning of the statement.

1. There is the "universal visible church" view, which says that the church as the body of Christ, is visible and universal. This is the Roman Catholic view and is held by some other groups of Christians. It is probable that few, if any Baptists, hold this view.

2. There is the "universal invisible church" view which says that the body of Christ is made up of all the saved on earth at any one time, and that it is an actual existence now. This view is held by most Christian groups and, perhaps, by many Baptists. (It should be noted that the words "visible," "invisible" or "universal," as relating to the church, are nowhere found in the Bible.)

3. There is the view that there is no "universal church, either visible or invisible," in existence now, but that all of the saved will make up a "church" (Greek—ekklesia or assembly) when they are together in glory. Since that will include all of the saved of all ages, it will, of course, be universal. Many Baptists hold to this view, which also gives emphasis to the local church as the basic and major New Testament emphasis for this age.

As we understand it these are the three basic views held by Baptists. Since they are not the same, and since Baptists are not united in their meaning, it was only reasonable to expect that there would be division concerning the matter in the convention. It was surprising that there was not more opposition.

### Interpretation

The problem which now faces us is how the statement will be interpreted. Of course, people will interpret it according to their own definition of the meaning. This may give to the outside world a concept of the statement which actually was not meant by the convention. For example, one magazine, The Christian Century, says that by the vote adopting this phrase "the S.B.C. thereby bent slightly toward the ecumenical church." Most Southern Baptists would deny this; but it does reveal that definition will color interpretation of the meaning of the statement.

What the statement actually says fulfills only the third position listed above, since it says that the body "includes all of the saved of all ages." All of the saved will not be together in an "ekklesia" until they are in glory. Nevertheless not all persons will interpret the statement that way.

It is good, of course, that the statement is only a declaration and is not a creed, and is not binding upon a single Baptist or Baptist church.

Each person will interpret it according to his own concept. The problem will lie in how others interpret it.

In a later editorial we shall discuss some of the results which follow giving too much emphasis to the "universal church" concept.

## Survey Needed

The statement has been made in recent months, in the controversy among Southern Baptists, that the denomination is losing some of its finest young people because of its conservative position, and because it allegedly is seeking to limit academic freedom in its institutions. This statement has appeared in some articles which have had wide distribution, has been stated in a well-known non-denominational journal, and has been intimated in some of our own state papers.

While the statement may be true, there are many of us who have seen little evidence of such a movement, and have seriously questioned whether the outflow of people from our denomination to others, has been larger than usual. There are, of course, always some people, who, for various reasons, move from one denomination to another. Baptists receive some members in this way.

It is probable that the facts cannot be known unless a reliable survey is made. We would suggest that the Department of Survey and Statistics, working, perhaps, with the Department of Student Work, might do well to make such a survey.

If Southern Baptists are losing more of their young people (and other members) than in past years, they need to know about it and seek to do something about it. Also, if there is an unusual "exodus," the convention should know why. Generalizations will not do. The facts need to be known.

We simply do not believe that large numbers of young people are leaving Southern Baptists because of the doctrinal stand of the convention. We may be wrong. If so, we want to be corrected. If we are right, then we think the false rumors need to be stopped. Let's have the facts!

## Quotables

SELECTED BY THE EDITOR FROM CONTEMPORARY THOUGHT AND OPINION

"Our faith is not a religion. A religion is the quest of men for God, the best that men can do in their search for God, the quest for the best that men can do, but Christianity is not a quest for God. Christianity is good news from God. It is not man feeling blindly for the foot of the altar stairs that lead up to God and in his blindness stumbling on it. It is God, himself, coming down those altar stairs in his own dear Son that he may lift men out of their blindness and their helplessness into his light and power." —Robert E. Speer.

"The probability of life originating by accident is as small as the probability of the unabridged dictionary falling from an explosion in a print shop." —Edwin



"IF YE BREAK faith with us who die, We shall not sleep." In Flanders Field by John McCrea.—(RNS photo)

## New Books

**HOLY BIBLE** — Reference Edition With Concordance (American Bible Society):

For the first time the American Bible Society presents a reference edition. The references are given at the bottom of the pages. There are paragraph headings to set off relevant divisions in the text, indentation for poetic sections, and some marginal readings to help better understanding of the text. In an appendix there is found a list of "Words Which Have Changed in Meaning" presenting many King James Version words with a more meaningful alternative. References are given, and in the text the words so treated have been marked with an asterisk. A concordance with more than 46,000 context references is included. The maps are in color and present a perspective view as if taken from the air. The type is clear. This is a very helpful, useable edition of the Bible.

**THE HOLY SPIRIT OF GOD** by W. H. Griffith Thomas (Zondervan, paper, 362 pp., \$1.95):

Paperback reprint of lectures on the Holy Spirit at Princeton in 1913, by one of the great preachers and Bible teachers of that day. Thirty-two chapters under four divisions: The Biblical Revelation; The Historical Interpretation; The Theological Formulation; and The Modern Application.

**THE GREAT DIVORCE** by C. S. Lewis (Macmillan, paperback, 128 pp., 95 cents). Blake wrote of the "marriage of Heaven and Hell." This book speaks of the "divorce" of Heaven and Hell. With wit and wisdom Lewis writes about an imaginary busload of "ghost" travellers from Hell to the edge of Heaven, where each "ghost" is given the chance to enter Heaven if he will give up his favorite sin.

**MONEY AND THE CHURCH** by Luther P. Powell (Association Press, 291 Broadway, New York 17, New York, paperback, \$1.50) A very thorough and interesting study of church support back to the earliest times. The book includes churches of all denominations and how they have raised money. The closing chapters deal with tithing and stewardship today.

**THE STRUGGLE OF THE SOUL** by Lewis Joseph Sherar (Macmillan paperbacks, 223 pp., \$1.45) States the Foreword: "This book is an attempt to trace the religious development of the individual, through the ordinary crises of common life, from infancy to old age." The author, late professor at Union Theological Seminary, wrote more than a dozen books.

**IDELETTE** by Edna Gerstner (Zondervan, 160 pp., \$2.50) Rich in authentic detail, this novel is based on the life of Madam John Calvin. The author lived in a Swiss village for a time and did research for this book in the University Library at Geneva, Switzerland, the very University where John Calvin taught.

**THE MIRACLE BOOK** by Gavin Hamilton (Good News Publishers, Westchester, Ill., paperback, 63 pp., 50 cents) In a "One Evening" Condensed Book, the author writes of the Bible as "The miracle book." The preservation of the Bible through fire and every conceivable form of destruction is a miracle. The Bible's content is full of miracles. The Bible's phenomenal sales have been a miracle.

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FOR THE LOCAL CHURCH** by H. W. Byrne, (Zondervan, 335 pp., \$5.95). A thorough and comprehensive treatment of the subject given in the title. The author is Dean of Huntington College, Huntington, Indiana.

**REFLECTIONS** by Harold E. Kohn (Wm. B. Eerdmans, 190 pp., \$3.95) From his shrewd observations of the world outside his cabin in the woods, the author has written fifty very beautiful essays. These are warm, personal ruminations on nature, on man, and on the world and its conflicts. Mr. Kohn also drew the lovely black and white illustrations, which are all scenes from nature.

**THE SCHOOL OF PRAYER** by Olive Wyon (Macmillan, paperback, 192 pp.) This author offers a guide to growth in the practice of prayer. He offers his definition of prayer, lists some objects of prayer, and discusses relationships between prayer and life, worship, and the purpose of God.



## BAPTIST BELIEFS

By Herschel H. Hobbs  
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### PROPHECY

Prophecy is usually associated with the fore-telling of events. But the principal ministry of the Old Testament prophets (Hebrew, nabi) was telling-forth for God. The first mention of a prophet in the Bible refers to Abraham (Gen. 20:7). The office may best be described in Exodus 7:1, the second time the word "prophet" appears. Aaron is to be Moses' prophet, or one speaking for him. So the prophet spoke for God. And while certain elements of prophecy dealt with the past and-or the future, the great body of the prophets' messages was telling - forth God's will for the present.

The word "prophet" is a transliteration of the Greek word prophetes, meaning one who speaks forth. Not the time element but the function is primarily in the word. So whether the prophet spoke of past, present, or future, he was telling-forth for God.

In the New Testament the emphasis of the ministry of the prophet as fore-teller gradually gave way to that of telling-forth. John the Baptist was the last of a long line of prophets in the Old Testament sense of the word (Matt. 9:11).

For he heralded Him who was the fulfillment of the forth-telling of the prophets (Luke 24:27, 44). Jesus was the Prophet in that He fully revealed or spoke-forth for God, as well as foretold future events.

In the New Testament the element of fore-telling remains (cf. Acts 11:27ff., 21:9ff.). Certain portions of the Revelation are fore-telling of events, but this book also spoke to its own generation and ours. Paul exercised the gift of foretelling (cf. I Cor. 15:51; I Thess. 4:14-18), as did Peter (II Pet. 3:10 ff.).

Among the spiritual gifts which Jesus distributed among his followers was prophecy (Eph. 4:11; cf. I Cor. 12:10). It would appear that this gift was related to telling-forth the gospel in an especial way under the unusual power of the Holy Spirit. More likely they were evangelists who went from place to place expounding the word. They probably differed from the apostles in that the latter seem to have been given more to opening new work. The prophets probably worked in the established churches and their environs.

Paul gives a greater importance to "prophecy" than "tongues" and other ecstatic gifts (I Cor. 14:51). But even this gift was of a temporary nature (I Cor. 13:8). It fulfilled its function, and gave place to all who by the power of the Holy Spirit tell-forth the gospel of God's grace in Jesus Christ.

## Insight:

By Foy Valentine, Executive Secretary, SBC Christian Life Commission

(Reprinted from "Master Control", radio production of Southern Baptist Radio-TV Commission)

### A MATTER OF PUBLIC MORALS

Is it right or is it wrong? It may be considered old-fashioned in some circles to ask these questions; but moral man can never escape the asking of them. A renewed interest in morality is really quite desperately needed in the face of today's price-fixing, corruption in government, crime, juvenile delinquency, alcoholism, salacious literature, gambling, and a hundred other moral issues that beset our bustling Babel.

On March 18, 1963, when Chancellor Konrad Adenauer was visiting in Washington, Lyndon Johnson who was then the senior Senator from Texas asked him, "What would you say if you were asked to say one thing to the American people?" The answer came quickly, "Educate your children. No price is too precious to pay for education. And by education, I mean moral education, too. May I speak frankly?" the Chancellor continued. "Of course," answered the Senator. "I have never seen as great a lack of moral integrity as I have among your young people. I do not believe that in



the conflict between East and West the young people of the free world have the moral integrity to win." Chancellor Adenauer's evaluation, I believe, is unduly pessimistic. Perhaps there is therapy for us all, however, in this shock treatment of the immorality of our age.

Since the moral teachings of the New Testament reflect the highest ethical ideals, men are tempted to praise them rather than practice them. The demand of Christ, however, is for a belief that behaves. Let us try this formula in solving our own moral problems: "Whatever things are true, whatever things are honest, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things." "Righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people."

Abandon fathers are a real problem in American homes, but a far more dangerous situation occurs when father is at home in body but absent in spirit. — Robert E. Williams, Jr., pastor of Little Home Baptist Church, Thomasville, N. C. "That's My Dad!" is **HOME LIFE**.

## Baptist Forum

### D'Lo Instead Of Mendenhall

Dear Editor:

Please do not think that I am criticizing in the least. But in May 16 issue of the Baptist Record, Pages From the Past, that our personal friend Bro. J. L. Boyd writes, there is a correction in the 40 years ago section that should be made.

He states that W. S. Landrum was pastor of the Mendenhall Baptist Church. It was D'Lo Baptist Church instead of Mendenhall. With Brother Boyd's consent, please correct that error. We built D'Lo Baptist Church in 1923, 40 years ago, and Bro. Landrum was pastor here. He married me and my wife 42 years ago last March.

Thanks and sincerely yours,  
Ike E. Harper  
P. O. Box 125  
D'Lo, Miss.

### Calendar of Prayer

June 3—Otis Sykes, Leake associational Brotherhood president; Jimmy Davis, Hinds associational Training Union director.

June 4—Mrs. Nat Mayhall, Union associational WMU president; Louie Farmer, Baptist Student Director, University of Southern Mississippi.

June 5—Frances Winters, faculty, William Carey College; Frances Skulley, faculty, Mississippi College.

June 6—Omara Lynn, Baptist Book Store; Brooks Haynes, faculty, Blue Mountain College.

June 7—John Alexander, Baptist Building; Mrs. Carl Moore, Baptist Building.

June 8—Mrs. T. G. Jones, staff, Baptist Children's Village; William Bryce Evans, faculty, Clarke College.

June 9—J. B. Parker, chaplain, Baptist Hospital; Ervin Brown, Delta associational superintendent of missions.

"If you want the rainbow, you will have to wait until the shower is over."

## Pages

### From The Past

By J. L. Boyd

#### 50 Years Ago

Pastor A. L. O'Brian tells of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Hattiesburg, annual revival in which Pastoral Evangelist Zeno Wall of Mt. Olive did the preaching. There were fourteen additions to the church membership and "about forty of us" themselves for mission work from among the students of Woman's College (William Carey).

#### 60 Years Ago

Pastor W. H. Morgan of Leland reports on the splendid results from the Gypsy Smith Jr. Evangelistic Campaign. He says that it resulted in a great blessing to all of Delta county.

Pastor W. Rufus Beckett of the First Church, Philadelphia, Mississippi, reports that their deacons held a second meeting just before the morning services on Lord's Day, coming into the church auditorium a little later. They requested the pastor to retire for a few minutes, after which he returned and the services were continued as usual. On following Monday night four of the deacons came to the pastor's home and left a new Ford touring car at the gate.

#### 25 Years Ago

The church at Summerland closed a revival meeting with nine additions on profession of faith. Pastor Eugene I. Farr was assisted by D. A. McCall of Philadelphia as preacher.

The ladies of the First Church, Corinth, held the first of a continued series of Golden Jubilee Teas in the hospitable home of Mrs. R. L. Ridding. Some seventy guests enjoyed the fellowship and passed the registration table to deposit "love gifts" to the Ann Judson Circle of the society.

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# The Kansas City Convention—As Seen By Other Editors

## Baptist Standard (Texas)

It would be untrue to say that everyone left Kansas City happy. We will be hearing from them from time to time through the coming year, and Baptist people have a right to voice their convictions; but we can believe that much good was accomplished in this meeting. Perhaps we understand one another better now. Everyone seems to concede that Southern Baptists stand solidly on the Scriptures in every detail and that they will continue to be democratic in their conventions and churches. There seems to be a feeling that any person who feels otherwise will sooner or later conform to this position or move to some place where he can feel more comfortable. The institutions will feel free to proceed with their work without fear of intervention unless they do depart from the faith. Nevertheless, everyone understands that trustees are elected by the convention and that they are expected to carry out the will of their brethren. There is little doubt that the convention will make that will known from time to time; for Baptists have a way of giving voice to their convictions.

It was an unusual convention, but we believe that it may produce unusually good results. Neither side of the theological controversy has any ground for claiming that it had its own way on the convention floor, but both sides can feel that a greater victory was won in the new realization that we can and must work together regardless of our differences. Perhaps we are all agreed on this, and total agreement among Baptists on anything is really unusual.

Southern Baptists cannot confer a higher honor on any man than to elect him to the very responsible office of president, and they could not have found a more worthy Texan than K. Owen White. The esteem in which he is held here is evidenced by the fact that he is presently the state convention president and before election to that office he was chairman of the state executive board. He is a theologian of no little ability, a Christian gentleman of sterling character, and a man of deep and definite convictions which he has courage enough to defend. Nobody will ever have to ask where the president stands on any question. He will be fair to all, and he will be the friend of every phase of Baptist work. He will work for the best interests of all Baptists, and he will do it with dignity and rigid determination as has Herschel Hobbs before him. We believe the convention will be safe and well directed under his leadership.

## Christian Index (Georgia)

There was far too much business and entirely too little inspiration in this convention. Prolonged presentations wrecked early every program.

Fiest thing of the week was the WMU pageant in connection with its 75th anniversary. It was a masterpiece of writing, of acting and all as the women told the story of organized missions dating back to Judson and Rice.

Once again the program ruined the presentations of the Foreign Mission Board and the Home Mission Board. Other reports earlier in the evening made the sessions too long. And, the Foreign Mission Board erred in a film presentation instead of presenting missionaries for brief testimonies.

It was not a happy week for the messengers. The 11,000-seat auditorium couldn't seat them. Some of the hotels didn't honor reservations and did hours later admit persons without reservations. Some who made reservations a year ago found themselves in third-class quarters.

This 1963 session has gone into history as one which had a task to do and did it. Few came away thrilled with the accomplishments. There was satisfaction that little if any damage was done.

## The Illinois Baptist

It's been many a day since there has been so much to stir the imagination of those who see a little humor in everything.

But underneath the froth that bubbled at Kansas City, the convention makes some things evident.

One of these is that the days of the giants are gone. There seems not to be man among Southern Baptists of sufficient stature to sway the convention, hold it in his hand and bend it to his will as a George Truett is reputed to have done, or immobilize opposition with sheer eloquence as R. G. Lee could and did, or just bluntly tell it to behave itself as a J. D. Grey would and get by with it.

Another, is the evident will of the masses to have some voice and some determination in the policies of their institutions and agencies. Some, of course, have yet to realize that these agencies can not be operated from the floor of the convention, and they are trying. Others are learning this, and are amenable to it, but they are in open revolt against the ideology expressed in some quarters a couple of years ago that when trustees or boards spoke there was nothing the convention could do about it—everything must be left to the boards.

Many in the convention are determined that the boards act in recognition of their responsibility to this large, unorganized mass of Baptist messengers, who are in reality, the convention.

Dr. McCall of Louisville Seminary made the wisest statement made at the convention when he assured the messengers that the institutions were anxious to tell the convention what they were doing, share with them their problems and listen to their suggestions. It goes against Baptist grain to be told that the institutions have their own support and pray for have no responsibilities to them.

Another gratifying thing seen at Kansas City was a sense of unity among people, young pastors and their wives. Maybe, it is just because I am getting older, but it seems to me that messengers are getting younger. This is good. But these youngsters are this generation, restless, questioning and not much concerned about "it can't be done like this, because we have never done it like this."

Best message about conviction of all, the center of conviction

thought and influence is moving—moving out of the cultural background, the predominant numbers and the provincialism of the original convention territory. It will be awhile yet, but the migration of the forties and the mission efforts of the fifties have shifted the fulcrum. The next two decades will accentuate this shift.

Last, and best of all, is the demonstration that the convention, no matter how noisy and even ridiculous in the public eye, catches up with itself—does the right thing and adjoins in high spirits and good faith, its messengers going back to the home front to do "battle valiantly" for the Lord.

## Ohio Baptist Messenger

People went with questions. They attended patiently. They spoke forthrightly. They voted enthusiastically and they departed promptly with fewer questions and more unity.

## Biblical Recorder (N. C.)

The Southern Baptist pendulum which veered dangerously to the fundamentalist right at San Francisco last year swung back toward the center here—and thousands of loyal, conscientious, middle-ground Baptists are breathing a sigh of relief.

Kansas City was no repeat of San Francisco as some had feared. The voting was more balanced. Eastern areas which were not represented last year made it their business to be here. Too much was at stake.

Extremists with fundamentalist leanings made strong efforts to pour all Baptists into their mold, but they were not successful. One of the few "victories" they did achieve was to get a progress report from all institutions and agencies next year. Since these come automatically anyhow, this is not expected to produce world-shaking news. The "progress report" by Midwestern Seminary made such a fine impression here that it will be published in the official minutes of the 1963 session.

The Southern Baptist Convention is still one of the most conservative denominations in America, but not so conservative as to be restricted and put into a theological straight jacket by extremists, many of whom come from newer territories annexed by the convention in recent years. These people don't seem to understand that they will not get the convention to make a heresy-hunting body out of its Executive Committee or condemn the United Nations or exclude messengers from churches affiliated with the National Council of Churches or limit convention offices to the male sex (proposals that were introduced here). The sooner they learn these things, the sooner peace and harmony—and constructive achievement—will characterize convention sessions. Atlantic City in 1964, with its emphasis on Baptist unity and the Jubilee Advance, will be an ideal place to solidify the encouraging gains that moderates made at Kansas City.

## Baptist Standard (Texas)

At some time in the past there may have been a better president of the Southern Baptist Convention than Herschel H. Hobbs, but we have not known one. It is never proper to use superlatives in describing any person. We will just say that there has not likely

## Convention Tape Package Available From Radio-TV Commission

Highlights of messages, music and business which took place at the Southern Baptist Convention are now being duplicated and are available in a five-tape special package from the Radio and Television Commission in Fort Worth, Texas. Contents of the 10-hour of recordings from the Kansas City meeting include: five major addresses to the convention, seven to the Pastor's Conference, five testimonies to the Woman's Missionary Union, four brief messages or business sessions from the convention, two solos and one choir number.

The five tapes, each containing two hours of recording at 3 1/2 ips, are offered at \$12. In addition, any tape from the three meetings is available at



DR. AND MRS. Judson Chastain are shown receiving the Carey College yearbook, the CRUSADER, from Eucel Laws, editor. This year's Crusader was dedicated to the Chastains in appreciation for their faithful and capable leadership on the Carey College campus. Dr. Chastain, who grew up in Mexico, as the son of Southern Baptist missionaries, is Professor of Education at Carey. Mrs. Chastain has served as dormitory hostess in the past and is now Director of Campus Beautification. They have been in Hattiesburg at the College since 1961.

ever been a man who suited more persons. Of course he has stood on the shoulders of his illustrious predecessors in the office, and it may be that we will live to see one even better than he; but to most of us he has been God's man for the hour.

Most persons are agreed that Southern Baptists have passed through a crisis during the past two years. A lesser leader could have let us drift into tragedy; but the fact that Hobbs is a man of sterling character, unusual wisdom, and deep convictions enabled him to steer the ship safely through all the storms. God's hand must have been upon him at all times. Being a theologian of distinction he was in a position to speak to theologians and scholars, and being a humble servant of the Lord he had access to the ears of men and women on every level of life. Nobody ever had to doubt where he stood on any subject, and when he spoke everyone knew he was speaking the convictions of his own heart. He was at ease while visiting in the White House or in a hovel on a mission field. He speaks the language of the common man, but he has the confidence of the most learned.

Most of all, Herschel Hobbs loves Jesus, His Word, and His Kingdom. Could anyone ask for more of any man? His successor, K. Owen White, is a man of equal character and quality. Shall we not give him the same wholehearted support we have given to the many good men who have gone before him? The effectiveness of any man's leadership depends very much on the attitude of those he is trying to lead.

## Christianity Today

Liberals constitute, as everybody knows, only a small segment of the Southern Baptist Convention. Though in recent years they have been gaining ground, they do not yet have the strength to engage con-

servatives in frontal doctrinal combat and often work outside convention structures. The major confrontation at this year's Southern Baptist Convention, held in Kansas City, Missouri, this month, pitched conservatives against conservatives on the issue of how best to contain liberal advances while maintaining the SBC's evangelistic momentum.

Chief cohesive force of the SBC is its large missionary program. Present SBC leadership is wary of action which would disrupt this and other virtue Southern Baptist cooperative enterprises such as home missions and Sunday School work.

## Maryland Baptist

THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST Convention now has the best chance for peace and progress that it has had in recent years as a result of what happened in Kansas City.

Adoption of a comprehensive statement of faith and message without change demonstrates the fact that the convention is united in doctrine. Fears of extreme liberalism or extreme fundamentalism within the constituency were shown to be unfounded. It was made clear that, whether from the East or from the West, Southern Baptists are together on the fundamentals.

Extremists on either end of the theological spectrum with in our convention should now pull back a little and should decide to stay in the convention. All Southern Baptists are united on the Bible as the Word of God and on the Lordship of Jesus Christ. Within this unity there is a diversity which freedom inevitably brings. This diversity is wholesome and needed. Let there be no more ostracism that would drive any professing Christian from our midst.

## Baptist And Reflector (Tenn.)

The Kansas City session will go down in history as one that still further recognized the principle of diversity in unity.

The meeting in Kansas City helps make it crystal clear that the Southern Baptist Convention is made up of messengers from the churches—not of state conventions, associations or other Baptist bodies. No local groups can take control of the Convention without regard to the opinions and wishes of many others who are also involved in the life of the Convention, which now is seen as a national gathering.

We cannot here touch on all that is of such vital significance in our Southern Baptist life, but we feel that the Convention at Kansas City will be significant in expressing Southern Baptists' readiness to go ahead with fidelity to the 118-year-old procedure of control of institutions through trustee administration rather than through any centralized body.

or unauthorized interference with this orderly method. Kansas City will mark a milestone in Southern Baptist approval of a clear cut statement of academic responsibility balancing academic freedom in education with a further recognition of a Convention fellowship passing beyond all sectionalism.

## Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine

FREEWHEELING is probably as good a description as any of the Southern Baptist Convention sessions last week in Kansas City. With the master hand of H. H. Hobbs off the reins in several of the sessions due to the retiring president's illness, the convention sometimes took on the appearance of a run-away team. But the team pretty well straightened itself out when given the reins of more or less unlimited discussion.

With a self-styled conservative as president, Southern Baptists can expect a continuing emphasis against any liberalism that would undermine the Bible as the revealed and infallible word of God. But President White asserted in his first press conference that he did not feel he had any mandate to campaign against those of different theological views from his own. It is the editor's feeling that the atmosphere has finally been cleared of most of the clouds that have been threatening for months and that calmer and more purposeful days lie ahead. The forecast is fair to partly cloudy with not much change in temperature.—ELM

## Western Recorder (Ky.)

The official theme for the convention was "To Make Men Free"; the unofficial theme was "Moderation and Restraint." A determination to keep the Southern Baptist train on the track could be felt even in the hotel lobbies before the sessions actually convened. For the most part, speakers were careful to avoid inflammatory remarks and even the Pastors' Conference speakers were restrained.

Here's as good a place as any to say that more time of 1962, 139,704 Scriptures, at a cost of \$12,021, were donated to the Cuban refugees in the greater Miami metropolitan area by the American Bible Society.

and then have an order of business that affords little, if any time for discussion. An example was this year when only one hour was given to the monumental matter of the new Statement of Faith and almost the whole hour was needed to read the report. Messengers wanting to speak and finding time has run out have reason to wonder if it is not deliberately planned that way.

In retrospect the '63 Southern Baptist Convention looks like a good one. In places it was a little disorderly, at times it was a little confusing and to a visitor it could surely appear the Lord's people were trying to do His business with less than His spirit, but this is part of the Baptist way.

## Capital Baptist (D. C.)

It can be said that this Convention did not move to the left or to the right as far as its theology is concerned. The adoption of the statement on our Faith and Message brought almost everyone under the same theological tent. It is to be remembered that the statement of Baptist Faith and Message is not a creed; rather it is a guideline.

Most Southern Baptists left Kansas City more hopeful than when they went. With the Missouri Board and laymen groups drafting a action against the Midwestern Seminary, most went to the Convention deeply concerned. Reason reigned and order came out of confusion. Southern Baptists are more united than they were before Kansas City.

## Baptist Messenger (La.)

The Southern Baptist Convention in Kansas City was not as noisy and restless as the unforgettable San Francisco session. A spirit of cautiousness seemed to prevail, although at times there were tense moments which could have become volcanic.

There seemed to be more interest on the part of the messengers in the affairs of the convention for each session, generally speaking, was better attended than in years past.

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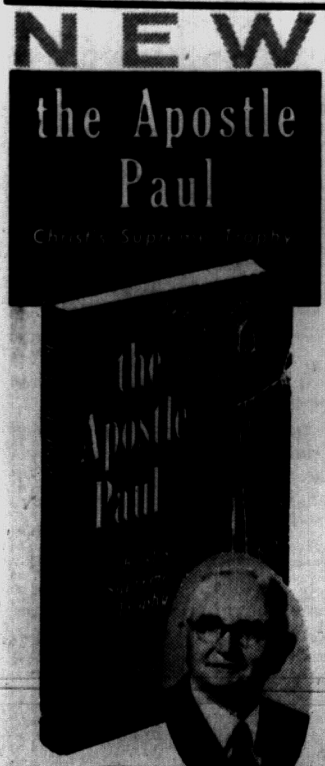
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## Giving Account

By Rev. Al Finch  
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"So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God."

Testing is an experience with which all of us are familiar. In every area of life there are periods when reports and evaluations cause us to carefully consider ourselves. Daniel Webster is quoted as saying, "the most serious thought that has occupied my mind was that of my individual response to God." Indeed, the most serious evaluation is our relationship to God.

Personal commitment to God is imperative if we must give an account to him. God's question to Adam, "Where art thou?" or Jesus to Simon Peter, "lovest thou me?" was a calculated attempt to bring both men to personal evaluation. No doubt, the ultimate purpose of such an evaluation was to elicit personal commitment from these men, who had rebelled against God. This commitment of life is acceptance of another's will at the expense of our own desires and appetites. It is well illustrated by the seal of a foreign mission society which pictures an ox standing between an altar and a plow. Beneath is the motto, "Ready for Either." Our commitment to Christ involves surrender of life to the point we pray, "not my will but thine be done."

Accountability involves the total life. We are to answer to God as to how well the principles of Christ affect our way of life. No man can be segmented or departmentalized to the point that his religion will not affect how he reacts in other areas of his existence. How well his convictions control every area of his life, is an indication of how great a Christian he is. "A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump."

Testing can be a curse or a blessing. It is a blessing in that it gives value to action. To be tested gives our actions a sense of urgency, of mission and destiny. Before the ascension of Jesus he commanded his disciples to be witnesses for him. While the disciples were still gazing into heaven there came from an angel the promise of his return. This suggests that emphasis is given to the command to witness by the promised return of their Lord. As they witnessed, they were aware that they would give an account of their stewardship. Accountability makes clear to whom we are responsible. We serve with confidence awareness by what standards we will be judged. The criterion of judgment is the Eternal God and not materialistic man. The sincere Christian, therefore, spends his life by the standards of the Eternal God.

"Though the mills of God grind slowly,  
Yet they grind exceeding small;  
Though with patience he stands waiting,  
With exactness grinds he all."

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

## ABNER McCALL RECEIVES "HORATIO ALGER" AWARD

NEW YORK (BP) — President Abner V. McCall of Baylor University received the Horatio Alger Award here along with 10 other prominent Americans who had humble beginnings. The award was presented by Norman Vincent Peale, who won the award himself in 1962. The presentation was in the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel.

The bronze-plaque awards are sponsored by the American Schools and Colleges Association, and get their names from the "Rags to Riches" success stories of the fictional Horatio Alger novels of yesterday.

They are dedicated to the free enterprise system and the American tradition of equal opportunity which enables a youth to overcome humble beginning to achieve success through hard work, honesty and determination.



GLYNN GRIFFING, All-American Quarterback from Ole Miss, was guest speaker for the May 3 Youth Banquet during Youth Week at North Greenwood Church, Greenwood. Ninety-eight were present to hear Glynn's testimony of what God and his church had meant to him in his life and in sports. Above, left to right, are: Ralph Shurtliff, youth Sunday school superintendent; Clark Simpson, Jr., youth pastor; Glynn Griffing, speaker; Dr. Charles A. Ray, pastor; Bobby Jackson, youth Training Union director; and Bryant Smith, Training Union director.

## Over 125 Youth Weeks Reported In State

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(Editor's Note: Youth Week has become a part of the program of so many churches that it is impossible to publish individual reports and pictures from all of them. Because of this, we have prepared a summary report showing what the program is and what it does for the churches. The two pictures above are representative of the many Youth Weeks held in Mississippi churches. "We shall not at this time be able to publish reports or pictures of other such Youth Weeks.")

Due to the spring simultaneous revivals and the special World Missions Week emphasis the Southern Baptist calendar listed March 17-24 as the suggested time for Youth Week this year. Because of the crowded calendar many churches did not get to observe Youth Week at that time, so the Training Union Department suggests that Youth Week be scheduled at a later date, possibly June, July or August. These summer months will offer the advantage of utilizing college students.

Youth Week is an activity of the church which includes intermediates and Young People in the official positions of church life for one full week. It is a laboratory project in which the intermediates and



DALE TUCKER receives the key to Second Church, Indianola, at the beginning of Youth Week, from his father, Rev. Robert F. Tucker, pastor of the church. Dale was youth pastor.

Young People have opportunity to learn by doing.

Over 125 Youth Weeks have been reported by the churches of Mississippi to the Training Union Department. This qualifies them for Seal 2 on the HONOR CHURCH PROGRAM Diploma. The church must observe Youth Week during the period October 1, 1968, to September 30, 1969.



PICTURED above is the ground-breaking service on May 5 for a brick veneer pastor's home at Old Pearl Valley Church, Neshoba County. The morning message and Prayer of Dedication was by the Superintendent of Missions, Rev. W. B. Boatner. The Building Committee are the men on the front, from left—Melvin Tullos, Leonard Stuart, Ike Darby, Elroy Johnson, Chairman; Clifford Breazeale, and Rev. M. H. Waltman, Pastor. The building motto is II Cor. 8:12. The church's Sunday school has increased from 53 average attendance for 1961-62 to 79 for the seven months of this year and has averaged 103 for the past six weeks. Rev. Clyde R. Clark is the Sunday school supt.



STANDING in front of the new educational building of Becker Church are, from left: J. C. Boggan, Sunday School Superintendent; Drexel Ford, Kenneth Hill, N. L. Hannah, Leroy Moon, Bill Thornton, building committee members and Rev. John Lamb, pastor. Not pictured but also serving on the building committee was Howard Moon.

## Becker Enters Educational Annex

April 7 Becker Church entered its new educational building. The building is made of concrete blocks, covers approximately 2500 square feet and was built and furnished at a cost of \$12,000.

It houses the nursery, beginner, primary, and junior departments and a combined Intermediate-Young People Department. The building also contains rest rooms and a pastor's study.

The Sunday School was departmentalized when the building was entered and for the month of April the average attendance was 131, an increase

of 20 over the preceding month and an increase of 40 over February.

## Latham Accepts Forkland

Rev. Bill Latham has accepted the pastorate of Forkland Church, Washington Association. Before entering the New Orleans Seminary last September, he was the minister of education of the First Church, Greenville. Mr. Latham is married to the former Jean Matthews of Vicksburg and they have two sons.

## Johnston Station Sets New Program

Johnston Station Church announces the beginning of a building program. The plans include some remodeling of the present auditorium and the construction of a two story educational building.

A "Memorial Fund" has been set up whereby anyone desiring to do so may contribute an offering to build or furnish a part of the building in honor of a loved one or friend.

By using the "Memorial Fund", one may provide or furnish a part of the building in honor of his own family. This will be a very effective means of sharing the blessings which have been his with those whose lives the offering will bless.

The "Memorial Fund" also provides an opportunity for the family to furnish or build a part of the building in honor of one who has already gone on to be with the Master. By this means, they, who did not have the privilege of knowing that loved one, will be blessed by that which has been provided in his honor.

Sunday, May 26th was designated as "Special Building Fund Offering Day" by the church. This was the day when each of our members and any one desiring to participate in this special day effort made a special effort to raise the amount needed for the building. This did not deprive anyone of using the "Memorial Fund". That will continue as long as there is a need for it by the people who might be interested in it.

Rev. Winfred H. Lowrey is pastor.

## Baylor Medical Center Wins Service Award

NEW YORK (BP) — Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas was awarded the silver anvil award for outstanding community service by the Public Relations Society of America meeting here.

Miss Marjorie Saunders, director of public relations for the Baptist Hospital in Dallas, accepted the award. It was the second time in recent years Baylor Medical Center had won the award.

## Morgantown Buys Additional Land

The Morgantown Baptist Church has announced the purchasing of additional property adjoining present church lands for the expansion of church facilities. The Rev. J. W. Lee, pastor, said a total of 3.53 acres was bought from Mrs. Henry Fife.

After being cleared and leveled, the newly acquired plot will provide space for off street parking plus additional recreational space for church members. The plot will more than

double the present land facilities of the church.

Representing Morgantown Baptist Church in the transaction was attorney W. F. Riley.

The church planning and survey committee has been functioning in ascertaining the future needs of the Morgantown community. Every person in the area is invited to participate in the work which is being done to promote the Christian growth and development of the community.



ANTIOCH CHURCH, Simpson County, dedicated their new church building, pictured above, on annual Homecoming Day, May 26. There were all-day services at the church, with dinner served by the ladies of the community. Rev. Homer Alsworth is the pastor.

## BAPTISTS IN ARGENTINA TO DOUBLE NUMBER IN 10 YEARS

A 10-year plan of advance, calling for 400 churches and 50,000 members by 1974 (a 100 per cent increase), was adopted by the Argentine Baptist Convention in its 50th annual meeting, held April 26-28 in Bahia Blanca. The addition of five new churches brought the total currently affiliated with the Convention to 202. (These sponsor about 176 mission points.)

The theme for devotional messages during the session was "Lift up thine eyes round about, and see" (Isaiah 60:4a), and Miss Sara Frances Taylor, a Southern Baptist missionary, says, "A vision of a lost and desperate world and the marvelous possibilities for evangelization was the background for adoption of the advance plan."

In further business, the 212 official representatives from 55 churches named six boards of 34 members each as the main step in carrying out the Convention's reorganization program, which consolidates some phases of work and makes way for more spiritual emphasis in the annual meetings, Miss Taylor

says. Dr. Daniel Tinio, psychiatrist and pastor from La Plata, was elected Convention president.

A new fraternal aid plan and recommendations concerning loans to churches were left for further study during the coming year.

—THIRTY

## Don Land Passes In Yazoo City

Rev. Don Land, 58, of Yazoo City, died suddenly Friday of last week at his residence.

A native of Denver, Colo., he had lived in Yazoo City for the past five years, and prior to that he was a resident of Prentiss for several years. He was a retired Baptist Minister, having retired five years ago due to ill health.

Survivors are one sister, Mrs. Lloyd W. Davis, one brother Fred Land, both of Denver Colo.; two nieces, Mrs. F. O. Chevalier of Yazoo City and Miss Mary Ann Davis of Denver Colo.

Funeral services were conducted from Stricklin-King Funeral Chapel in Yazoo City with Rev. Herman Milner of Van Winkle Baptist Church in Jackson officiating.

Interment was in Lakewood Memorial Park, Jackson.

## Titsworth Names Mountain Minister

PINEVILLE, Ky. (BP) — Floyd Titsworth, pastor of Mouse (Ky.) Baptist Church, has been chosen as the mountain minister of the year by here.

J. Edward Cunningham, Lexington, who directs the mountain mission program for Kentucky Baptist Convention, presented the award.

THE FAITH OF A HERETIC by Walter Kaufmann (Doubleday, 416 pp., paperback, \$1.45; 631 pp., hard cover, \$4.95) A modern philosopher sets forth his own opinions on "What can I believe?" "How should I live?" "What do I hope?" His book is an argument against conformism.

## Carey Receives U. S. Steel Grant

Carey College is the recipient of a \$1000.00 grant for operating aid from the United States Steel Foundation, Inc. The announcement was made by Dr. J. Ralph Noonkester, president of the college.

A total of \$9000 was given to the Mississippi Foundation of Independent Colleges, an organization composed of five privately owned schools: Belhaven, Blue Mountain, Millsaps, Mississippi College, and William Carey. Each received one-fifth, or \$1800.

The grant is an unrestricted one. The donors stated that they hoped "the institutions covered by the program will find their own suitable means of applying it to the end that they may and effective provision for more and better faculty, and maintenance and development may lead to even higher standards and greater achievement in higher education."

## Names In The News

Dr. H. C. Steele, head of the Department of Natural Science at Blue Mountain College, has been honored by being publicly recognized as an honorary life-time member of the Home Economics Club. Miss Kay Peete, Miami, Fla., the new Club President, pinned a carnation on Dr. Steele's coat lapel, as member of the Home Ec. Club looked on.

Dr. and Mrs. James D. Belote, missionaries to Hong Kong, will return to the states this summer for furlough. They may be addressed at Blud Mountain, Miss. He is a native of Washington, D. C.; she is the former Martha Bigham, of Water Valley, Miss.

Assistant Professor Robert W. King, of the Mississippi College mathematics department, has been selected as one of twenty college teachers to attend a six weeks institute in computer programming and theory, sponsored by the National Science Foundation this summer at Texas A & M College. Plans for P.M.B. Self Hall, new business and economics building now under construction on the Clinton campus, include facilities to house a computer system.

Mrs. James L. Clark, professor in the Commerce Department at Clarke College, will receive the Master of Science degree from the University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, June 2. The Clarke College alumnae also holds the B. S. degree from the University of Southern Mississippi, and she attended the New Orleans Seminary for three years. Prior to her coming to Clarke College two years ago Mrs. Clark taught in the Newton county public school system for several years. Mrs. Clark is the wife of Dr. James L. Clark, professor in the Social Science and History Department at Clarke College.

REV. BOB LOUK, who was pastor in Mississippi from 1961-66, and graduated from Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, Ky., in 1960, has resigned as pastor of First Church, Jax, Florida, and re-

turned to Mississippi. He is now living at 1304 Old Mobile Highway, Pascagoula (Tel. 762-7179) and is available for pastoral work or supply.

## REVIVAL RESULTS

Grandview, Meridian: May 17-19; Ronnie Ballard, youth pastor; Altus Newell, preacher; Jimmy Furr, singer; Bettye Ann Culpepper, pianist; two additions to the church; Rev. O. L. Ballard, pastor.

Rawls Springs, Hattiesburg, April 29-May 3; Rev. W. H. Henderson, Highland Church, Vicksburg, evangelist; Rev. Billy R. Greene, pastor and music director; 11 professions of faith; 6 additions by letter; two surrendered for definite Christian service and several rededications.

Oakland Heights, Meridian: April 21-28; Rev. Stanley Barnett, pastor, evangelist; Buddy Parker, music director. There were 19 professions of faith; 11 additions by letter and 21 rededications.

## Oates To Speak On Baptist Hour During June

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—A seminary professor who was instrumental in getting the chaplaincy program accepted in Kentucky State Mental Hospitals will be guest speaker on "The Baptist" during June. Dr. Wayne Oates, professor of psychology of religion and pastoral care at Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky., will substitute for Dr. Herschel H. Hobbs, permanent "Baptist Hour" speaker.

Dr. Hobbs, pastor of Oklahoma City's First Baptist Church and immediate past president of the Southern Baptist Convention, will return to the international radio program in July.